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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 6, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2008. A request for a one-month extension of time is included, which brings the deadline for filing the paper to September 6, 2008. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed material, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/SONN:064US/TMW.

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